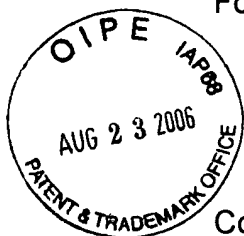


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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the previously filed Information Disclosure Statements in the present application, Applicants hereby submit the following.

A copy of a Chinese Office Action (Japanese and English language translations) dated May 19, 2006, with respect to patent family member Chinese Patent Application No. 200410005507.2, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-85099;
- (2) "Circuit," Third Edition (January 31, 1998), together with an English language translation thereof; and
- (3) Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-301530, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family

member U.S. Patent No. 5,994,929 to SANO et al., which issued on November 30, 1999.

The relevance of the documents cited in the Chinese Office Action, as ascertained with respect to the Chinese claims by the Chinese Examiner, are set forth in the Chinese Office Action.

Applicants further submit the following documents:

- (4) European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 948 243;
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 4,707,692 to HIGGINS et al., which issued on November 17, 1987;
- (6) Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 2-029779, together with an English language translation thereof;
- (7) LAI, "Resonant Snubber-Based Soft-Switching Inverters for Electric Propulsion Drives," IEEE Transactions on Industrial Electronics, Vol. 44, No. 1, February 1997, pages 71-80;
- (8) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0070577 to KIGO et al., which was published on July 1, 2004; and
- (9) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0125095 to KIGO et al., which was published on July 1, 2004.

Applicants note that document (1), including an English language Abstract, was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement, and thus, a copy of document (1) is not provided herewith. Similarly the U.S. patent family member of document (3), U.S. Patent No. 5,994,929 was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement. Further, documents (8) and (9) were cited in

the Information Disclosure Statement of March 8, 2004 as co-pending applications, that, together with the present application, are all divisional applications of U.S. Applications of U.S. Application No. 09/868,660. Since these applications have now been published, the publications are cited herein to complete the record of the present application.


Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents and patent application publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cited the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign and international documents, except document (1), are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form. A copy of the Chinese Office Action (Japanese and English language translations) is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

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